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# Muckross Mail

Newsletter of the Muckross Past Pupils' Union



*View of Muckross Park 1900-2006 with the nearly completed new school in the background. The new building is scheduled to open in March. After 106 years Muckross is still going strong.*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Union Day**

Sunday 5th March 2006  
11.15 Mass, AGM & refreshments

### **Bridge Drive & Lunch:**

Thursday 9th March 2006 at 9.45 am  
Donnybrook Lawn Tennis Club

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday 2nd April 2006  
at 12 – 1 pm approx  
(After 11.15 PPU Mass)

### **Annual Dinner:**

Friday 21st April 2006.  
Elm Park Golf Club 7.15pm

### **Combined Dominican Union Mass:**

Sunday 14th May 2006 at 11.15 am  
at Muckross Park

### **Combined Dominican Golf Society:**

Monday 17th July 2005 in Naas Golf Club  
Contact Mary Breen 087-619 2303

### **Muckross Golf Society:**

Thursday 14th September 2006  
Edmondstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham.  
Contact Annette Quigley (Sorahan) by 14th August  
At [quigleyjas@eircom.net](mailto:quigleyjas@eircom.net) or 087-686 7376

### **PPU Mass in Muckross:**

1st Sunday of each month  
(except January, May, June, July & August)



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to another edition of the Muckross Mail, the Newsletter of the Muckross Park Past Pupils' Union. This is my final year as President of your Union and I should like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by the Union Committee for the past two years under my Presidency. The aim of the Union is to foster a strong spirit of union amongst past pupils and to maintain and promote the famous 'Muckross spirit' among all past pupils of the school.

A Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting each year manages the Muckross Past Pupils' Union and fulfils its objectives in a number of different ways by:

- Issuing an annual Newsletter (Muckross Mail)
- Maintaining and updating the PPU website [www.muckrossparkppu.com](http://www.muckrossparkppu.com)
- Holding an Annual Dinner and fund raising Bridge Drive & Lunch
- Holding the annual Golf Outing
- Providing a Benevolent fund for members in need
- Holding a Past Pupil's Mass on the 1st Sunday of most months in the school chapel

### PPU Committee

#### President:

Beatrice Doran

#### Vice President:

Valerie Cox (Fitzpatrick)

#### Vice President:

Valerie Clancy (Barry)

#### Hon. Secretary:

Claire Johns (Doyle)

#### Hon. Treasurer:

Margot Doyle

#### Committee:

Sr. Barnabas  
Therese Birthistle (Hackett)  
Felicity Coll (O'Brien)  
Katherine Duffy (Fox)  
Evelyn Kelly  
Alison Kennedy  
Norah Owens (O'Meara)  
Gay Rodgers  
Carla Sload (Mugan)

### Annual Dinner

The venue for the Annual Dinner has varied over the years, but for the last two years, it has been held at Elm Park Golf Club in Donnybrook. This is always a splendid event, and some one hundred and thirty old Muckross girls attended the dinner last year. Including a big turnout for the 40th reunion of the Class of 1965. We return to Elm Park again this year so do make a note of the date of the Annual Dinner in your diary, which is 21st April 2006. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Hon. Treasurer or any member of the Committee. (See booking form in this issue)

### Bridge Drive

The Annual Bridge Drive, which is a fund raising event for the Union Benevolent Fund, took place in February 2005. in Donnybrook Lawn Tennis Club courtesy of Valerie Clancy (Barry) a former Captain and President. This is proving a very popular event with 14 tables in play last year. The 2006 Bridge Drive and lunch will be held at the same venue (Donnybrook LTC) on Thursday 9th March at 9.45 a.m. Please support this important fund raising event for the Benevolent Fund and bring a friend if you wish. (See booking form in this issue)

### Muckross Mail

Some 600 copies of the Muckross Mail were distributed in 2005 to members of the Union. We have updated our register of members this year so I am afraid a number of past pupils who have not paid their annual subscription will no longer be members of the Union and so will not receive their Muckross Mail. If you have friends who would like to re-join please email their name and addresses to me at [bmdoran@eircom.net](mailto:bmdoran@eircom.net) and we will forward an application form to them. As a member of the Union you will receive a copy automatically, provided of course you have paid your subscription and advised us of your current address!

### Combined Dominican Union Mass and other Dominican PPU Annual Dinners

The Combined Dominican Union Mass is held in May each year and provides an opportunity to meet with members of other Dominican Unions. Last year's was held in the School Chapel on Sunday 8th May 2005. This year's Mass will take place in Muckross on 14th May 2006.

The annual dinners of other Dominican Unions took place during the year. It is traditional that each union president or representative attends these events. In 2005 I was pleased to attend the Sion Hill PPU dinner and Valerie Clancy (Barry) represented us at the Dun Laoghaire PPU dinner. We look forward to seeing the presidents of these unions at our dinner in April.

### Golf Society

Muckross Golf Society was inaugurated three years ago when Valerie Barry Clancy, Sheila Nally Hughes and Beatrice Doran formed a committee to organize this now annual event. We began the first year with eleven past pupils playing in our competition at Elm Green Golf Club in Castleknock. The second year thirty-three past pupils and friends played golf again at Elm Green, and last year we had forty four competitors when we played at Edmondstown Golf Club courtesy of this year's Captain Sheila Nally Hughes a former Lady Captain at Edmondstown. Congratulations to our winner Olivia Byrne a members of Glen of the Downs Golf Club who won the beautiful Rose Bowl presented last year to the Society by sisters Phil and Carmel Campbell. A report on the 2005 golf outing appears elsewhere in this issue of the Muckross Mail. Members of the Muckross Past Pupils' Union also played in the Combined Dominican Golf Society outing held in Naas Golf Club on 18th July 2005.

### Muckross Past Pupils' Union City Break

The weekend trip to Copenhagen was organised by Felicity Coll (O'Brien) and took place last September. A small group of past pupils participated in this and thoroughly enjoyed the city. The committee has decided that we will run the trip abroad every two years instead of annually. So start saving now for 2007!

### Conclusion

Once again I must thank all the Officers and members of the Muckross Past Pupils Union Committee and you the past pupils who have been such a tremendous support to me during my two years as President of the Union. May I wish our new Muckross PPU President Valerie Fitzpatrick Cox (who has been a member of the Union Committee for over twenty years), every success in her Presidency commencing in May 2006.

**Beatrice M. Doran**  
President



Beatrice M. Doran

# UNION NEWS

## UNION DAY

A new addition to our events this year is Union Day which will take place on Sunday 5th March 2006. The format will be Mass at 11.15 am followed by the AGM after which refreshments will be served. For the last number of years the AGM has been held on the evening of the Annual Dinner. This has proved to be an unsuitable time as everyone is concentrating on renewing old friendships and catching up on news and gossip and as a result attendance at the AGM has fallen. It is only by attending the AGM that we can hear your views on how you feel the PPU is performing and hear any new ideas for events and objectives for the coming year. Please support your PPU committee and we look forward to seeing lots of you at Union Day.

## STAY IN TOUCH BY EMAIL

The PPU has an email address, [muckrossppu@ireland.com](mailto:muckrossppu@ireland.com) and we would love to hear from you. If you are in touch with other Muckross girls perhaps you would be good enough to let us have their email address. So all of you out there please email us so we can add you to our address book. Also let us know if you have changed your email or street address recently. That way if there is news about the Union or the school we can update you quickly. Likewise if you have news for us that we can put in the Muckross Mail we will be delighted to hear from you.

## AGM AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006/07 COMMITTEE

The AGM will take place on Union Day on Sunday 5th March 2006. As a number of the present Committee will be stepping down at the AGM we are looking for nominations or PPU members to volunteer to join the new Committee. We have had quite a few of the more recent past pupils join the Union in the last couple of years and we would like to see them represented on the Committee to bring new ideas to the PPU.

The Committee only meet approx 5 times a year and the main functions are to organise the Muckross Mail, the Annual Dinner, the AGM, Bridge morning and Golf outing. So as you see it will not eat into much of your time! If you are interested please contact Claire Johns (Doyle), Hon Secretary at 087-2218602 or Beatrice Doran, President on 087-243 1946 prior to the AGM or email [muckrossppu@ireland.com](mailto:muckrossppu@ireland.com).

## PPU MONTHLY MASS

The monthly PPU Mass (see Forthcoming Events for times and dates) is not restricted to Past Pupils as some of you think. Bring along your husbands, children, boyfriends, anyone! Mass in the chapel is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and hopefully some news and gossip!

On the second Sunday in May each year, which falls on the 14th May this year, the Combined Dominican Union Mass takes place in Muckross at 11.15am. If you have friends who went to Cabra, Dun Laoghaire, Eccles Street, Sion Hill, Sutton or Wicklow or any other Dominican school tell them about it and bring them along too.

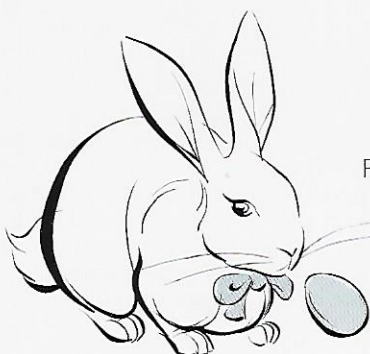
The Mass on the 1st Sunday on November is dedicated to all deceased past pupils. If there is anyone whose names you would like to be read out do let us know. Please do not blame the committee if a name is omitted – we don't know unless we are advised.

## 2005 RAFFLE RESULTS

The raffle took place at the Muckross Annual Dinner on 15th April 2005 in Elm Park Golf Club. Congratulations to the following winners:

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1st Prize | Mid-week break for 2 at Atlantic Coast Hotel, Westport<br>Winner: Eithne Bolger (O'Donnell) |
| 2nd Prize | Free Financial Consultation with Anne Brady DFK Accountants<br>Winner: Joan Keenan          |
| 3rd Prize | Case of Wine from Louis Albrouze<br>Winner: Anne Marie Mee                                  |
| 4th Prize | 1 year Subscription to "The Irish Garden" Magazine<br>Winner: Eithne Bolger (O'Donnell)     |
| 5th Prize | Lunch for 2 in Rolys Bistro, Ballsbridge<br>Winner: Mairin McBreen (Garrett)                |

**Thanks to our Raffle Sponsors in 2005:** Anne Brady, Louis Albrouze Wines & Irish Garden Publishers



## EASTER EGG HUNT

PAST PUPILS BRING YOUR CHILDREN  
OR GRANDCHILDREN  
TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT  
ON SUNDAY 2nd APRIL  
AFTER THE 11.15am MASS  
IN MUCKROSS PARK



## ANNUAL DINNER

Book a table for your classmates at the  
**Muckross PPU  
Annual Dinner**  
to be held on  
Friday 21st April 2006  
at 7.15 pm  
at Elm Park Golf Club  
Nutley Lane,  
Donnybrook,  
Dublin 4.

Tickets €40 each

Bookings by  
14th April

**All tickets must be  
paid for in advance**  
Payment is not  
possible on the night

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## THE 69ers NEW YORK VISIT

In the 2005 issue of Muckross Mail I wrote of a trip to Vienna by three '69ers. Well on this occasion four '69ers were winging their way to New York. We had been together in Muckross from almost babies and had wonderful memories of nuns and teachers alike. Conversations like this develop when you get old school friends together. Valerie Cox (Fitzpatrick), Leesha Evans (Gaffney), Roisin Drury and Mary Buckley (Deane) set out from Dublin on 24th October. We were on our way to the magnificent 63rd Street apartment of classmate Eudes Brophy and her husband Sean Hand. Eudes and Sean seemed determined to spread their hospitality across two continents having barely settled in New York from Vienna and ready to accept a visit from the travelling foursome. There is a magnificent view from the apartment window of the 59th Street Bridge made famous in song although properly known as the Queensboro Bridge.

No trip to New York is complete without a visit to Ground Zero and here we went on our first morning. Perhaps it was appropriate that the weather was awful as we looked thought the wire at this huge space much bigger than you imagine where the twin towers of the World Trade Centre once stood. Everywhere we went in New York we saw the plaques outside the fire stations commemorating firemen who lost their lives. I found this especially poignant. New York lost 8% of its fire-fighters on 9/11, more than 320 brave men. In a lighter vein it was just after we passed one of these fire stations that we passed two buggies and when we looked inside it was not children that were being pushed along but Yorkshire Terriers behind rain protectors and wearing little jackets!

The sightseeing bus trip is a wonderful way to get a feel for the city. Sean had mentioned to look out for Grand Central Station; a lovely Beaux Arts building, from the early 1900s which has been renovated. The Empire State building at 102 storeys now the highest building in New York is classic Art Deco. Ice skating was in full flight at the Rockefeller Centre and we had fun spotting the Irish flag from among the 181 flags at the United Nations. This international zone is the only section of land in Manhattan that is not part of the United States. We passed the Cathedral of St John the Divine, the largest cathedral in the world and felt the power of Wall Street. At night the Chrysler Building is particularly distinctive and the top of another building changes colour from time to time to favour particular charities. The night bus tour took us further afield to Brooklyn and Queens. It was as if we were visiting places we had been before; like starring in a New York sitcom. The word 'Friends' will have a different meaning here as friendships that endure almost fifty years are particularly special. There is something ethereal about New York at night.



Back: Valerie Cox, Mary Buckley  
Front: Roisin Drury, Eudes Brophy-Hand, Leesha Gaffney-Evans

The Staten Island Ferry is the best value to be had in New York as it is absolutely free. The trip offers an excellent view of the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline. At the Staten Island end we did the Starbucks and doughnut routine. One morning we breakfasted in style in 'The Tramway Diner' just a block away from the apartment. Each an integral part of the New York experience.

After shopping in Bloomingdales we walked down Broadway to find a Gap store as my daughter had requested a pair of jeans from New York. We came upon South Street Seaport which was to prove significant. This used to be a bustling seaport in the 18th and 19th centuries and has been restored now boasting restaurants, speciality food shops and boutiques. Not only did we get the jeans but it was it a great place for pictures as there was a magnificent Windjammer tied up at the dock. You can get half price tickets for the shows in New York that same night at two venues; Seaport at 11.00am and Times Square at 3.00pm. Returning next day we bought tickets for a show here without queuing. We passed through Times Square at 3.00pm and saw the long queue for theatre tickets – hence the significance of discovering Seaport on our first day! The wonderful show we saw was 'Hairspray', which won 5 Tony Awards, and has been running on Broadway for some time.



Leesha made good use of some free time taking the cable car ride to Roosevelt Island, just east of Manhattan which is possibly the most exciting view in New York City. Together with Roisin she visited a restored building with magnificent paintings recommend by Sean (sorry the name escapes me). Eudes took time from her busy work schedule to show us some special shops and walk us round the sights of their neighbourhood. All told we had a fantastic four days.

The air in New York appears less polluted than Dublin as the wind blows through the avenues from the river and clears all the fumes away. Beware, the wind is cold at this time of the year; hence the reason why the native New Yorkers wear all those layers. Let me explain that the weather had been warm in New York before we arrived and warmed up again after we left but we found our own warmth in the friendship and hospitality of Sean and Eudes who once again excelled at being the perfect hosts and making our visit to New York so special. I find myself saying 'thank you' once again to two amazing and generous people. One question though – where are you off to next?

Don't forget  
the AGM  
on

UNION DAY

Sunday 5th  
March 2006

After  
11.15am  
Mass

# MY JOSEPHINE

By Patricia O'Reilly (Dain)

(www.patriciaoreilly.net)

My years in Muckross are a rich tapestry of memories, one of the most potent being the acquisition of a black baby. Today such behaviour would be regarded as politically incorrect, if not positively racist. But those were different times. We were about thirteen, too old for dolls, too young for boys, but idealistic, budding maternal, and enthralled at the idea of our own baby.

I can't remember which Sister introduced us to the idea but I do remember St Joseph's classroom with the September sun streaming through the windows, and a few days later handing over my hard-got shilling, a whole week's pocket money. I considered it well worth the sacrifice. In those days, we were entrenched in the idea of sacrifice.

One of the first benefits of impending motherhood was choosing a name. When my brother and sister were born, I'd no say at all. I chose Josephine – not after St Joseph – but after the harum scarum Jo March in *Little Women*, my heroine of the time.

We speculated on what our babies would look like and wondered would a photo be possible. Don't be daft, said our class captain. Did we think they'd cameras in the jungle? We hadn't thought, but were delighted to learn from Sister that in due course we'd each receive a picture. An official picture, no less. To give Sister her due, at no stage did she mention a photograph; instead she focussed on souls most in need of saving.

Gradually we learned our babies probably weren't babies at all. Possibly not even toddlers! They could be 9 or 10, Sister admitted. Imagine that age and not baptised, their immortal souls in danger. We knew the terrible fate of eternal fire and damnation that awaited the unbaptised, and we understood the significance of immediate outside intervention. As givers, we felt enormously important. And full of awe that it was our generosity that was bringing these children into 'Mother Church' – that was Sister's description.

No longer too disappointed that Josephine wasn't a cuddly infant, I hoped for a picture of her and her family, maybe against the backdrop of their village. In the meantime, I'd great visions of her. Smiling ebony face, corkscrew-curls, an avid student. As well as the catechism, learning letters and figures in a grass hut. No shortage of food either – not only would Josephine, but her family, be well fed. Indeed her whole village; the lot of them gobbling up bowl after bowl of rice, with coconut for dessert entirely due to me. My child reflecting my glory.

Finally the pictures arrived. Face downwards, Sister handed them out. On her order, in silence, we each wrote the name of our child on the blank dotted line. Only then were we permitted to turn them up. That was when I discovered I'd been done. The pictures were all the same. I couldn't warm to Josephine. And Jo March was no longer my heroine!

(Patricia O'Reilly's latest book 'Writing for Success' will be launched at Listowel 2006 Writers Week.)

## MUCKROSS GOLF SOCIETY

A very successful 3rd Annual Golf Outing was held last year on September 29th at Edmondstown Golf Club. We had a total of 44 players that Thursday with a full timesheet. The course played well and all were happy with the venue so happy that it was decided unanimously at the AGM that followed, to return to Edmondstown, where both the golf and the food were excellent.



Olivia Byrne receiving the winners trophy at the Muckross Golf Outing. L-R Sheila Hughes, Olivia Byrne and sisters Phyl and Carmel Campbell

Diary NOW! Bookings for 2006 can be made with Annette Quigley (Sorahan) by email [quigleyjas@eircom.net](mailto:quigleyjas@eircom.net) or 087-686 7376 or any committee member before 14th August.

Finally, but by no means least, many thanks to all, yet again, who made my day last year such fun and so enjoyable. Yours in golf,

**Sheila Hughes (Nally)**, Lady Captain



Patricia O'Reilly (Dain)

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## THE RYAN TUBRIDY SHOW IN FIONA'S KITCHEN

On 12th October 2005 the RTÉ morning radio show with Ryan Tubridy invaded my kitchen! The 3 Sound Engineers set up the sound system the night before. They covered the kitchen table with microphones and had a van with a 'pumped up aerial' in the driveway.

Ryan Tubridy, Producer Yvonne Judge, Broadcast assistant Dave, Researchers Sinead and Katriona arrived at 7.30am while my 2 youngest were still eating their cereal. Just after that various neighbours, friends, kid's pals, and friends from the local Guide troop arrived at 8am. Also guests from Airfield, together with Joe Daly, Paul Tansey and Stephen Flynn, all from Stephen Roche's old cycling club in Dundrum and a dietician – who never got on air!

The show started with a chat with Owen my husband and me in the kitchen, then on into sitting room where the gang were assembled.

Then the door bell rang. Ryan answered, there was Chris de Burgh! Chris sang *Spanish Train*, *Lady in Red* – and he dedicated it to Ciara my daughter who was making her (red!!) debs dress in London as we were on air! Chris finished the programme with *Patricia the Stripper*.

Ryan spoke to Stephen Roche by phone from France, and with Joe Daly and Stephen Flynn. He also talked to the General Manager and the Farm Manager from Airfield then ran out of time before he could talk to the dietician. Ryan was gone by 10.30am and everyone had packed up and gone by 11am!



*Chris de Burgh in full voice in Fiona's kitchen!*

The Tubridy Show gave us a present of a 'romantic weekend away' in Co. Kildare – turns out it's a new hotel in Main Street, Leixlip!!! Well, that's show business!

### **Fiona Murphy (Walsh)**

*Leaving Cert 1981*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **MUCKROSS PARK 1900-2006**

In the next few weeks the pupils of Muckross Park will vacate the old building which has housed thousands of girls over the last 106 years. The state of the art new school is on schedule to be occupied by future generations of girls in green from March.

On 9th February a Liturgy of Thanksgiving was held in the Convent Chapel to celebrate 106 years in the present school building and to ask a blessing on the move. The school principal, Patricia Fitzsimons invited members of the Muckross Dominican community, current and past staff, and a small number of representative past pupils and present students to attend.

On behalf of all our past pupils we wish the new school many happy and successful years continuing the Muckross tradition.

### **HOCKEY**

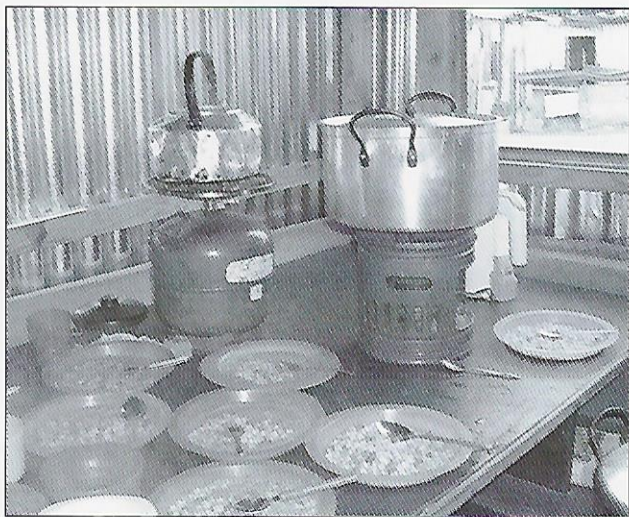
The Parents Association report that the fundraising project for the new Astro Turf hockey pitch is well on the way to achieving its target of €700,000. Hockey has always featured highly with Muckross pupils, past and present. The Muckross hockey tradition boasts many great players including Valerie Barry, Sandra O'Gorman, Jean McDonnell, Joan Horne, Loraine O'Reilly, Marguerite Barry and Nicky and Rachel Keegan all of whom represented Ireland at different levels. Current pupils representing Muckross at an international level include Liane Costello and Anna O'Flanagan.

There are no grants available for this project so if you would like to make a donation to the Astro Turf fund please contact the Parents Association at [muckrosspa@ireland.com](mailto:muckrosspa@ireland.com) or the school principal Patricia Fitzsimons. There is an arrangement allowing tax relief on donations and this may greatly increase the potential value of your gift to Muckross Park.



*Fiona Murphy with Ryan Tubridy  
Chris De Burgh*

# THE ETAFENI PLAYGROUP PROJECT



*Mkonto – the kitchen end of the shack*

As a result of a suggestion from a past pupil at a previous AGM, the committee decided to investigate to possibility of adopting a needy cause among the Dominican missions. As you know we support past pupils in need through our Benevolent Fund but we felt we could also manage to share some of our resources further afield. With this in mind we have made a donation of €1,000 to the above project in Cape Town, South Africa.

The following is an extract from a report sent to us from Muckcross past pupil Sister Cairiona OP based in Nyanga.

"The Provincial Government census categorizes Nyanga the poorest area of the Western Cape. The level of unemployment is as high as 70%. Research in Nyanga clinics show that between 20% and 25% of Nyanga residents are HIV positive and most are inadequately nourished.

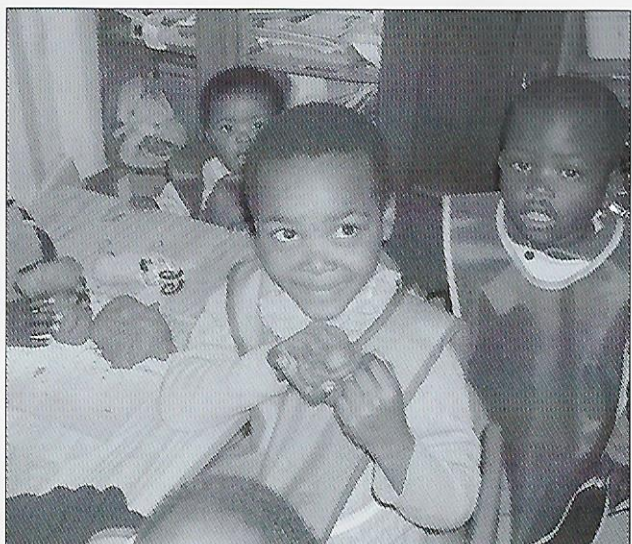
In 1983 Sr. Aine Hardiman OP, in defiance of the Apartheid laws at that time, went to live among this community. With the help of a local woman, Rose Mbude they set about caring for the children who were left alone while parents went in search of work. There is no social service for those who cannot find work. Present activities of the project include:



*Mkonto – Etafeni volunteer*

- Four Etafeni Playgroups have backyard shacks and shipping containers for daily use as resource centres for Playgroups, where early learning education takes place for children between the ages of three and six. The fifth group presently shares accommodation with an established preschool.
- Organising outings for children and parents.
- Frequent contact with local government structures towards acquiring an open space for the establishment of a structure to be used as a centre for community educational needs.

Therefore the present most pressing needs of the Etafeni Playgroup Project could be prioritized in this order:



*Mkonto – Look what I have made!*

- Support for the women who are running the Playgroups
- Nutritious food for the children in the Playgroups
- Repairing and improving the shacks or shipping containers that are used as structures to house the Playgroups
- Training and workshops for the Etafeni women running the Project
- Educational equipment

Thank you for inviting us to share our hopes and plans for the Etafeni Playgroup Project.

Enkosi kakhulu  
Thank you very much"

**Sr. Cairiona, OP**



## BRIDGE MORNING AND LUNCH

Thursday  
9th March  
@ 9.45am

Tickets €20

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## Past Pupil Events captured on film

**RIGHT:** Picnic following First Sunday Mass, Sept. 2005

**FAR RIGHT:** Photos from the Golf Outing, September 2005

**BELOW:** Class of '65 at the Annual Dinner, April 2005



L-R: Emer Smyth (Sheehy), Pat Williams (Smyth), Helen Litton (O'Sullivan), Philo Butler (Fisher) and Maeve Kenny (Brennan)

Don't forget the AGM on

### UNION DAY

Sunday 5th March 2006

After 11.15am Mass







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## MUCKROSS PAST PUPILS UNION

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2005

	2004/05 €	2003/04 €
<b>Income</b>		
Annual Dinner	4,258	2,698
Bridge	1,423	-
Catholic Women's Federation	-	9,942
Donations	550	153
Golf Society	175	-
Miscellaneous income	-	255
Raffle	3,442	2,364
Subscriptions	727	699
<b>Total Income for the period</b>	<b>10,575</b>	<b>16,111</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>		
Annual Dinner Expenses	4,291	2,750
Bank charges	40	32
Benevolent fund	500	500
Bridge Expenses	35	-
Donation to convent	1,500	-
General expenses	495	126
Golf Outing expenses	-	132
Printing, postage & stationery, including Newsletter expenses	858	-
Raffle Expenses	473	-
School fund	-	5,000
<b>Total Expenditure for the period</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>8,540</b>
<b>Total Surplus for the period</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>7,571</b>

*Income is accounted for on a cash receipts basis. The accounts have been prepared from the books and records and I confirm them to be in accordance therewith*

**Signed: Margot Doyle (Hon. Treasurer)      Date: April 3rd 2005**

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2005

	2003/04 €	2003/04 €
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Account	5,373	12,990
Deposit Account	10,369	369
Prize Bonds	889	889
	<b>16,631</b>	<b>14,248</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>16,631</b>	<b>14,248</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Opening Surplus	14,248	6,677
Surplus for the period	2,383	7,571
	<b>16,631</b>	<b>14,248</b>

### ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

*We have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure accounts and have found them to be in agreement with the records*

**Signed: Anne Brady DFK Chartered Accountants      Date: April 3rd 2005**

Don't forget  
the AGM  
on

### UNION DAY

Sunday 5th  
March 2006

After  
11.15am  
Mass

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

(Complete and return this form if applicable)



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your 2006 subscription is now due. In an effort to cut down on administration we would greatly appreciate if those who pay by cheque each year could switch to a standing order. This would remove the necessity of sending out reminders.

Your subscriptions help with all the costs involved in the production of the Muckross Mail and towards the Benevolent Fund and your support is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Subscription is €15 with a reduced rate of €10 for over 60s. Please amend your existing standing order in line with the current amounts if necessary.

## **MUCKROSS PARK PAST PUPILS UNION – RENEWAL / MEMBERSHIP FORM**

I wish to join the PPU / renew my membership (*delete as appropriate*) and enclose cheque for €.....

**OR** complete the Standing Order Below

(Block Letters)

First Name: ..... Last Name: ..... Maiden Name: .....

Address: .....

Year Left: ..... Tel. No: ..... E-mail Address: .....

Occupation: .....

**Have you any professional or other skills to offer to the PPU?**.....

**Annual Membership Fee: €15 or Seniors (over 60s) €10 Payable by cheque/draft or Standing Order**  
**From non euro zone area send Euro Bank Draft**

### **STANDING ORDER**

**Name of Bank**

**Address of Bank**

**Sort Code (6 digits)**

**Account Number (8 digits)**

**Account Holder Name**

Pay now and on the 1st day of JULY of each year until further notice the sum of € ..... to the credit of:

- Muckross Past Pupils Union Account Account No: 17107621
  - Bank of Ireland, 34 College Green, Dublin 2 Sort Code: 90-07-89
- and charge the same to my account.

**Please cancel all previous standing instructions in favour of Muckross Park Past Pupils' Union.**

**Signature:**..... **Date:** .....

# **BOOKING FORMS**

(Complete and return forms as necessary)

## **ANNUAL DINNER**

The Annual Dinner takes place on  
**Friday 21st April 2006**  
in Elm Park Golf Club, Nutley Lane, Donnybrook  
Tickets €40 • Dinner 7.15pm

**EARLY BOOKING IS ADVISABLE - TELEPHONE BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ places @ €40 each, and enclose cheque for € \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Muckross Park PPU).  
Please supply names of all those attending on a separate page.

- Please indicate any special dietary requirements

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Left \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bookings must be received not later than 14th April and should be sent to:

**Margot Doyle, Muckross Park PPU, 132 Roebuck Road, Dublin 14**

## **BRIDGE MORNING**

Join us for Bridge and a light lunch on  
**Thursday 9th March @ 9.45am**  
at Donnybrook Lawn Tennis Club,  
Brookvale Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4  
Tickets €20

I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ places @ €20 each, and enclose cheque for € \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Muckross Park PPU).

**LATEST DATE FOR BOOKING IS THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2006**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bridge Bookings to: **Margot Doyle, Muckross Park PPU, 132 Roebuck Road, Dublin 14**